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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 July 2004.
2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 8-16 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) 8-15 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 16 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 13 July 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Newly submitted claims 8 through 15 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: The original claims were directed to a method. Newly filed claims 8 through 15 are directed to an automated adjustment system for video projectors.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 8 through 15 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

Response to Amendment

The amendment filed July 13, 2004 is objected to under 35 U.S.C. 132 because it introduces new matter into the disclosure. 35 U.S.C. 132 states that no amendment shall introduce new matter into the disclosure of the invention. The added material which is not supported by the original disclosure is as follows: The specification filed September 25, 2000 is very general. The "Detailed Description of the Invention" on pages 3 and 4 of the originally filed specification teaches a video camera wherein a capture system comprising a CCD video camera is arranged to somehow achieve the conditions of auto-focus, auto-brightness, auto-contrast and auto-color saturation. However no more specific details are given as to how these conditions are achieved. Although a method is claimed, no method steps are outlined, nor are flowcharts shown.

The newly filed specification of July 13, 2004 adds figures, see their description on page 4. Furthermore, the new specification gives much more detail about the overall projection system, i.e. introducing the concept of a system in addition to a method. In the original specification there is no suggestion of the newly appearing video interface 102, processor 200, Software block 'Auto Optical Functions' 202, 'Auto Imaging Functions' 203, or control signal 205, for example.

Applicant is required to cancel the new matter in the reply to this Office Action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The original specification does not support the newly filed claims for the reasons already given.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical

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Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Yamasaki et al. U.S. Patent 6,695,451 B1.

Refer to Figures 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 16 and 18 of '451 B1, for example.

Claim 16 sets forth: "A method for automating the projection adjustments for video projectors comprising the steps of:

a) Inputting a video frame through a video projector interface (See Figure 5 and frame buffer block 0520 in addition to external image input 0180 of Figure 1);

b) Projecting the input video frame on a projection screen (projection screen 0140);

c) Capturing said projection screen with a capture assembly (See Figure 16 and screen state monitor camera 0130.);

d) Analyzing the captured projection screen with a processor (See Figure 2 and image signal control unit 0110.);

e) Computing new settings: focus, brightness, contrast and color saturation with said processor (See the flowchart of Figure 18.);

f) Updating the settings when necessary with said processor;

g) Repeat a-through e for the next input video frame.

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With respect to steps "f" and "g" of claim 16, any of the flowcharts shown in Figures 8, 9, 11, 16, and 18, for example, provide for a repetition of steps depending on a set of conditions.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Anderson U.S. Patent 5,745,175 teaches a method and system for providing automatic focus control for a still digital camera.

Rosenqvist U.S. Patent 6,590,612 B1 teaches an optical system and method for composing color images from chromatically non-compensated optics.

Fujita et al. U.S. Patent 6,412,956 B2 teaches an image projection system.

Potts et al. U.S. Patent 6,593,956 B1 teaches locating an audio source.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within ~~TWO MONTHS~~ of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the

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shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Melissa J Koval whose telephone number is (571) 272-2121. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Judy Nguyen can be reached on (571)272-2258. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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